Length of School Year

The schools of the District shall be in operation for at least 180 instructional days unless an exception is granted by the Utah State Board of Education. However, the Board may authorize individual schools to operate on a year-round, 45 day/15 day schedule of 172 instructional days as authorized by State Office of Education regulation. In either case, the school year shall consist of at least 990 instructional hours during each school year, except as follows:

- 1. Grade 1 must have a minimum of 810 hours and 180 days.
- 2. The Board may reallocate up to 32 instructional hours or 4 school days for teacher preparation time or professional development by two-thirds majority vote of the Board in a properly noticed and held public meeting. If a reallocation is made, parents and guardians shall be notified of the school calendar at least 90 days before the beginning of the school year authorize an individual school to adopt a professional development program under State Office of Education Rule R277-418-3, under which the school year shall consist of at least 968 instructional hours.

The school year shall also include not fewer than 20 hours of in-service training and preparation for teachers.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-<u>1.M., -4, -5.C(3), 8.D (October 9, 2012)</u> <u>1N-3, -8d (August 15, 2003)</u>

Utah Admin. Rules R277-418-3 (July 16, 2004) Utah Code § 53A-17a-103(4) (2014)

Semester Basis

The District shall operate on a quarter or semester basis and shall adhere to the requirements of the appropriate curriculum prepared by the State Board of Education.

Beginning Date

Student attendance for the first semester of the regular school term shall be established by the Board pursuant to a calendar adopted annually.

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Emergency/Activity Days

The annual school calendar adopted by the Board shall include exigency time for closures for emergencies, activities, or extreme weather conditions. If school is closed for these or any other reason, the instructional time missed shall be made up under the exigency time so that the minimum school program instructional requirements are met sufficient additional instructional days in addition to the minimum numbers stated above so that when disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailments, or other calamities have caused the closing of schools, the instructional days and hours shall meet the minimum established by the State Board despite required school closures.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-8.B (August 15, 2003) (October 9, 2012)

Parent-Teacher and SEOP Conferences

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With Board approval, schools may conduct parent-teacher and SEOP conferences during the day and the time for those conferences may be counted as instructional time up to the equivalent of three full school days or 16.5 hours during a school year.

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